VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : Malaria Relief work was done in the Nedumangad taluk.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether, in connection with such malaria relief work, any roads were constructed in the Nedumangad taluk?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : No roads were constructed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why roads were not constructed ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : Because there was no necessity.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reason that prevailed upon the Government to construct roads in the Neyyattinkara taluk towards Malaria relief, and the reasons that prevailed with Government not to construct roads in the Nedumangad taluk ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : They were found necessary in the Neyyattinkara taluk but not in the Nedumangad taluk.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is any special reason for not constructing roads in the Nedumangad taluk ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) ; I have already answered the question, Sir.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether the Public Health Director, the Darbar Physician and the Chief Engineer have toured in the Neyyattinkara and the Nedumangad taluks in connection with Malaria Relief ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) Yes, Sir.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know from the Government whether all these Officers concluded that the general suffering of the people of Neyyattinkara is greater than those of the people of Nedumangad.

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether any of these officers belong to the Neyyattinkara taluk ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : I do not know, Sir.

The Nalkalikal Bridge.

460. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the steps taken by Government or the P. W. D. for the construction of the Nalkalikal Bridge on the Pantalam-Aranmula road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) An estimate for the construction of a R. C. C. bridge at Nalkalikal has been sanctioned by Government.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the estimated amount for the construction of the bridge at Nalkalikal?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Rs. 15,000.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the date on which Government sanctioned the construction of this bridge?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): 20th June 1936.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they have provided funds for the construction of this bridge in the next year's budget?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Being a member of the Finance Committee, the honourable member can answer that himself.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know from the Government whether the non-official members of the Finance Committee have expressed their emphatic opinion for making additional provision for communication and new works in the next year's budget?

PRESIDENT: Is it for this bridge?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): For Public Works in general.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise. We are only discussing with regard to a particular bridge.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they propose making additional provision for Public Works in the next year's budget?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That does not arise, Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they propose providing funds for the construction of the particular bridge next year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is a question of future action, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Is there any proposal to make any provision for this particular bridge in the next year's budget? Is that the question?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Yes, Sir.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): As far as I know, there is no provision in the next year's Budget.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): The question is whether there is any proposal to make additional provision next year.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): A question of future action, Sir.

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